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## ARMOR PLATE PLANT IN U. S. NAVY PROGRAM

Projectile Factory Also Pro-  
posed. Secretary Daniels  
Announces in Raleigh, N. C.

### PLEA FOR SHIP PURCHASE

Does Not Urge Government  
Munitions Monopoly, But  
Would Curb Profits.

RALEIGH, N. C., Oct. 20.—A big Government armor plate plant and a projectile factory are proposed in the navy's national defense program. Secretary Daniels announced here today in a speech at the state fair, sounding the keynote of the Administration's preparedness policy.

Daniels said he would ask Congress to appropriate for the two new projects this year. He also urged passage of the Government ship purchase bill, to provide naval auxiliary ships and an extension of Government navy yards to manufacture war munitions also was declared by Mr. Daniels to be contemplated.

"If my recommendations are approved," said Mr. Daniels, "the Government will be free to make a large part of its own munitions if private concerns charge excessive prices. We will erect a large factory which will turn out fourteen-inch armor-plate shells as well as smaller projectiles. The time has come for the navy to build an armor plate factory of its own."

### First Official Statement

Secretary Daniels' announcement was the first official statement that the armor plate and projectile plants were included in the navy's estimates for national defense.

Regarding the necessity for defense, Mr. Daniels said: "The great lessons of the European war relate to preparedness rather than strategy. Some of the belligerents who thought themselves adequately prepared awakened to find themselves sadly mistaken. Such lessons as these have awakened the people of our country to a new interest in defense."

"The hope which I entertained for an international agreement to end competition in costly building programs is still cherished. While conditions today are such that no suggestion looking to an international agreement could be made with prospects of success, I still entertain the sincere desire that when peace is restored the suggestions may be approved by the great navy-building nations of the world."

### Doesn't Plan Monopoly

Secretary Daniels said he does not advocate a Government monopoly in making war munitions, but desires the Government to be equipped to furnish adequate supplies and also to hold down prices of private contractors.

"That policy," he said, "would prevent effective agitation for war conducted by those who make profit by manufacture of war supplies. It has been suspected in some countries that makers of armor plate, powder, guns, and fighting craft have promoted artificially increasing equipment for armaments and large armaments for personal enrichment. The effective way to prevent so baneful an influence is for Congress to give the department authority to manufacture its own implements of war."

### Regarding the Ship Purchase Bill

Daniels said the ships should be built on plans drawn by the navy, for use as navy auxiliaries in case of trouble.

Merchant Marine Needed.

"The lack of a merchant marine has been keenly realized," he said, "because of the failure of American capital to supply ships to carry its products. Because of the importance of German and Austrian ships, 50 per cent of the world's tonnage has been commandeered."

His five-year navy increase plan, involving expenditure of half a billion dollars, has been approved by the President, he said, and would provide a "well proportioned navy."

### Estimates of Daniels Calls for \$200,000 For Navy Yard Here

Included in the estimates for the Navy Department which Secretary Daniels will send to Congress, is \$200,000 for the enlargement of the naval gun factory in Washington.

The sum of \$200,000 is to be expended the coming fiscal year if allowed by Congress. It is but a part of the total the Navy Department wants for the enlargement of the Washington naval plant. The total will approximate a half million dollars and may amount to about \$400,000.

This recommendation for enlargement of the naval gun factory here means that the Government expects to increase amounts of work to be required at this establishment as a result of the contemplated expansion of the navy. More men will be employed.

### Parachute Falls 300 Feet

THOMASVILLE, Ala., Oct. 20.—J. M. Anderson, of Cincinnati, will live, doctors today decided, after a fall of 300 feet from a balloon parachute yesterday afternoon at the county fair grounds.

Anderson descended in a parachute from the balloon and fell 300 feet, dropped from that height with his parachute open. The second fall was open, and he shot to earth at great speed.

## Date of Wedding To Be Set at Dinner

Return of Miss Margaret Wilson  
Will Hurry Plan For Presi-  
dent's Nuptials.

Announcement of the date of the wedding of President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt is expected to be made tomorrow or Friday. The delay has been occasioned by the absence of Miss Margaret Wilson, the President's eldest daughter, who has been engaged in a concert tour in New York, Pennsylvania and Ohio.

Miss Wilson is expected back in Washington tomorrow, and it is understood that a dinner party at the White House tomorrow evening will be held. It is generally understood the wedding will take place in December, and the impression has gained ground that it will be just before the Christmas recess of Congress, so the President and his bride might enjoy a honeymoon trip.

## MRS. GALT VISITOR TO CAPITAL SHOPS

Orchid and "Bolling Green" Di-  
vide Her Favor as Shades  
for Gowns.

Mrs. Norman Galt is not doing all her shopping in Baltimore. She has an appointment for tomorrow morning with a fashionable dressmaker in Washington, and it is whispered that a number of gowns designed by her will be made for the President's wardrobe.

She also is expected to have made purchases of the latest styles in evening gowns. She usually wears either a dark gray or black gown with black fur and a high collar, and a long, flowing skirt. She is also expected to have made purchases of the latest styles in evening gowns. She usually wears either a dark gray or black gown with black fur and a high collar, and a long, flowing skirt.

### Orchid and Green

Baltimore had a thrill and a disappointment yesterday. Mrs. Galt had made appointments with two exclusive shops to try on gowns that have been designed for her, and the excitement of the day was increased by the fact that she was expected to wear a gown of the latest style, a dark gray or black gown with black fur and a high collar, and a long, flowing skirt.

Various descriptions have come from Baltimore of the purchases which Mrs. Galt has made. The shades, which have been described as "orchid" and "green," are expected to be made for the President's wardrobe. The shades, which have been described as "orchid" and "green," are expected to be made for the President's wardrobe.

## NO SUFFRAGE GLOOM AT WHITE HOUSE

President Good Loser and Ac-  
cepts Home Precinct Defeat  
Philosophically.

President Wilson showed himself to be a good loser today. As did Secretary to the President Joseph P. Tumulty, he accepted defeat philosophically. The President's home precinct in New Jersey, he seemed to accept the result philosophically. Nor did there appear to be any sulking over the fact that his President's home precinct in New Jersey, he seemed to accept the result philosophically. Nor did there appear to be any sulking over the fact that his President's home precinct in New Jersey, he seemed to accept the result philosophically.

NEWARK, N. J., Oct. 20.—The white and yellow banner of "votes for women" fluttered down to defeat in each of the twenty-one counties yesterday. The majority against adoption of the constitutional amendment to enfranchise women being between 20,000 and 30,000.

The defeat of the amendment means that no attempt can be made to change the State constitution on women suffrage this year. This fact means that the amendment will not be given such a setback as to move it from the national stage at least until after the 1916 Presidential campaign.

## U. S. DISTRICT TAX PROBE TO OPEN MONDAY

Senator Chilton Unable to  
Reach City Today—Informal  
Conference Held Today.

### COMMITTEE GIVEN BRIEF

Congressional Committee De-  
cides on Preliminaries to  
Inquiry.

The Congressional inquiry into the fiscal relations between the District of Columbia and the Federal Government will begin next Monday at 10 o'clock, at which time former Commissioner Macfarland, one of the spokesmen for the joint citizens committee will make the opening oral argument in favor of the retention of the existing half-and-half plan.

This was decided at a preliminary and informal meeting today of the Congressional committee. The hearings were postponed in order that Senator Chilton, chairman, who is now slightly indisposed at his home in West Virginia, may be present at the opening regular meeting of the committee.

### Others Are Present

All other members of the committee, Senators Sulzberg and Weeks, and Congressmen Rainey, Gard, and Cooper, were present today. Commissioners Newman, Brown, and Kuntz also attended today's session, and volunteered to furnish any information desired by the Congressional investigators.

Others attending today's meeting included Herbert J. Browne, taxation expert, whose brief was read today to the committee members, and Charles S. Davis, who filed a brief for the Tax Reform Association.

### Tilt Threatened

A tilt between Mr. Browne and Commissioner Newman nearly developed today while the Congressional committee sought to ascertain how much time would be required for the inquiry. Mr. Browne said the question of taxation and "the mismanagement of the area's office" was intimately related with the half-and-half controversy. He added that he desired certain information from the Commissioners to be on the contents in his brief.

Mr. Browne requested and received considerable information from the Commissioners and Mr. Browne, "but other information I desire is not forthcoming, although I asked for it in July and it has been promised. It may be necessary for me to ask the committee to have the Commissioners produce it, unless the Commissioners will tell me now when I may expect it."

Mr. Browne turned to the Commissioners. Mr. Newman arose and said: "I do not understand that I am here at this time to be cross-examined by Mr. Browne."

Mr. Browne said the information he desired concerned the statement of the tax assessor that he had followed a certain method in assessing improvements.

I picked out prominent buildings and want to know if this method was followed," he said.

The committee did not indicate how fully it will go into the subject of taxation, although Senator Weeks suggested that it might be shown as important in connection with the fairness of the half-and-half arrangement.

The joint citizens' committee filed with the members of the Congressional committee its brief today.

## U. S. MAY DEMAND RETURN OF SAILORS

Request to Berlin Probable Fol-  
lowing Study of Precedents  
in Norfolk Case.

The German government may be requested to return to the custody of this Government the officers and crew of the German interned cruisers at Norfolk who recently broke parole and escaped.

Acting Secretary Roosevelt conferred with Secretary Lansing today on the subject. They discussed what could be done and the prospects. It is recalled that the Russian government was requested by this Government to return two men, who escaped from internment at San Francisco during the Russo-Japanese war.

The good faith of this Government with relation to the belligerent nations is involved in the present case. Acting Secretary Roosevelt made it plain that there would be no more escapes from either the Kronprinz Wilhelm or the Eder Friedrich. A marine guard has been posted at the gateway of each ship and a marine patrol established.

Stones are being taken and will be taken to see that no more get out," said Roosevelt today.

### Col. Keefer Speaks

Col. Joseph L. Keefer delivered a lecture on "General George Washington and His Home in Virginia" last evening at a meeting of the Confederate Veterans, in their hall, 132 Vermont avenue northwest.

## Two California Girls Bearing Nugget For Wedding Ring Make Wilson Wait



PHOTO BY BUCKEY  
Left to Right: MISS GAILLARD STONEY, MISS DOROTHY STARR, MISS ALTHA McCUEN, and MISS ESTHER BULL.

## PIONEER RESIDENT OF DISTRICT IS DEAD

Mrs. Mary Ann Bacon, Nearing  
Century Mark, Saw Every  
President Since Monroe.

Within ten months of being 100 years old, Mrs. Mary Ann Bacon, believed to be the oldest white person in the District, died early today in her apartment at 1326 Columbia road northwest.

Born August 22, 1816, in a house near where the Navy Yard now is, Mrs. Bacon spent her life in Washington, only leaving for short intervals during the summer until she became too feeble to travel.

Some 30 or 40 years ago when President Madison was succeeded by Monroe in 1817, saw John Quincy Adams take the oath of office in 1825, and has seen every President since. During the civil war period, lived at 2241 Street northeast, and in 1862 moved to her present home at 1326 Columbia road northwest. She took an apartment at 1326 Columbia road, where her only son, Charles H. Bacon, also lives.

In addition to her son, Mrs. Bacon is survived by two daughters, Mrs. Charles H. Bacon, and Mrs. Mary Ann Bacon. She was a member of the United States Marine Corps, and Mrs. F. C. Answorth, U. S. A., retired, and former adjutant general for the War Department.

A third daughter, who was the wife of the late Col. James P. Martin, U. S. A., died about fifteen years ago. Besides her three children, the aged woman is survived by six grandchildren, and eleven great-grandchildren.

Mrs. Bacon retained all her faculties until very recently, and it was only about two years ago that her general health began to fail. She was an exceptionally well-informed woman, and she could discuss world problems and international politics as intelligently as any of her grandchildren. Her home was always open to army people, and most of her family is connected with the life of the city.

## EXPLOSION OF MINE KILLS SEVEN MEN

Wagon Load of Dynamite Blows  
Up in Montana, Tearing  
Workers to Pieces.

BUTTE, Oct. 20.—Seven men were killed, some of them being literally blown to pieces, seven more seriously, if not fatally injured, and a dozen others hurt when a wagon load of dynamite accidentally exploded at the granite mountain mine. Among the dead were: Frank Blow, shift boss; Richard Gindie and James Brown, miners.

This Government, owing to the weakness of its fleet in the Pacific, will not be represented at the coronation of the Mikado, November 10, by a dreadnaught. On the contrary, the cruiser Saratoga, flagship of Admiral Winterhalter, will go to Japanese waters.

Admiral Winterhalter, now at Shanghai, has been directed to be the official representative of the navy at the coronation.

Naval officers would feel much better if one of the latest and best dreadnaughts could be at Yokohama at the time.

### Germans Pour Money Into Government War Loan

BERLIN, Oct. 20 (by wireless to Sayville, N. Y.).—The sum of \$1,894,000,000, or 6.2 per cent of the installments on the third German war loan, had been paid in cash up to October 15, although the subscription terms provided that only 3 per cent was required to be paid by October 15. The Overseas News Agency announced.

## GOLDEN GATE SENDS ORANGE BLOSSOMS TO WILSON'S FIANCE

President Is Invited to Take  
Mrs. Galt to California on  
Their Honeymoon.

Two pretty girls from California, who took so long adjusting their hats and powdering their noses as to keep President Wilson waiting for fifteen minutes, presented him today with a bar of gold from which they said, he could have his wedding ring fashioned.

"There is a very good idea," they quoted the President as saying in response to the gift.

They also had a bunch of orange blossoms from California which they had first intended presenting to the President, but which they left at their hotel.

"We think," one of them told the President, "that we shall present them to Mrs. Galt."

An excellent plan," they quoted the President as saying.

### Too Excited To Hurry

The girls' excitement over the gift of the orange blossoms was so great that they were unable to hurry. They were accompanied by the White House by Mrs. Gaillard Stoney, their chaperon, and Miss Altha McCuen, U. S. A., retired, and former adjutant general for the War Department.

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## Divekeeper's Exit As a Philosopher

His Ideas of His Game Confront  
Police Breaking Into His  
Deserted Den.

NEW ORLEANS, Oct. 20.—"It takes a mother twenty years to make a man of her son. It takes another woman twenty minutes to make a fool of him."

Such the words chalked on the big mirror—which has reflected many wild scenes—in the Green Tree Cabaret when the police broke in. For years Alexander Richard Holzhelshel, cold, silent, cynical, had kept the cabaret—the most notorious saloon and dance hall in the city. Its doors and windows have been boarded.

Forcing an entrance, the police found every bottle in the saloon empty and heaped on the floor. On the glittering surface of the bar was written in chalk:

"This has been called the most respectable place in New Orleans. No longer will I associate with the women and men who have frequented it. I leave all but I will live among clean people and make my living honestly."

### Cruiser to Represent U. S. At Mikado's Coronation

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## PREMIER ASQUITH IS EXPECTED TO RESIGN

Belief Growing in London That  
Illness May Bring About  
Changes in Cabinet.

LONDON, Oct. 20.—That Premier Asquith's illness will prove so serious as to compel his resignation, ending a virtual deadlock in the British cabinet, was the growing belief in some quarters today.

Following the audience granted by King George Tuesday to A. Bonar Law, Colonial minister in the present coalition cabinet, who, as a conservative, certainly would become premier if Asquith, a liberal, should retire, his subjects today received Sir Edward Carson, who quit as attorney general out of dissatisfaction with the Asquith ministry's war policy.

These conferences were widely interpreted as indicating that a general cabinet shake-up is at least under consideration.

Though there was no idea that France was making any suggestions concerning the British ministry, it was believed also that the matter may have been indirectly involved at the cabinet committee meeting Tuesday with War Minister, Milner, of France, and French Minister Cambon, at which it was taken for granted the allies' military policy was discussed.

That Asquith was losing influence was generally conceded, many even of his friends having openly come over to the view that, though a capable administrator, the premier is not the man for such an emergency as the present one.

It was learned on reliable authority today that Sir Edward Carson's resignation was his personal protest against what he considers the government's drifting, inactive, undecided policy at war a most critical stage.

## Italy Completes Its Mobilization With Final Call to Colors

ROME, Oct. 20.—Four more classes of Italian reservists were called to the colors today, completing mobilization.

The latest call to the colors immediately gave rise to reports that Italy was about to send strong reinforcements to the allies in the Balkans. No more men were needed at present, it is said by well-informed persons, on the Austrian front. There is no official explanation of the development, however.

## ZEPPELINS RESCUE BALTIC SHIPPING

Berlin Hopes to Break Up  
Blockade by Using Them  
Against Submarines.

BERLIN (via London), Oct. 20.—Zeppelins have come to the rescue of German shipping in the Baltic, where British submarines are threatening to establish a complete blockade.

The ore-laden German steamship Scythia, bound for Sweden to a German port, mentioned in reports from Denmark today as having encountered one of these submarines off the Danish island of Bornholm, and signaled to a Zeppelin, which steered at full speed for the scene, forcing the undersea boat to submerge.

Confidence is felt that the German airship will end entirely the activity of enemy submarines in the Baltic.

## SERBS REGAIN VRANIA; ROAD TO NISH FROM SALONIKA OPEN

Athens Reports Railway Com-  
munication Reopened When  
Bulgarians Are Driven From  
Junction.

Berlin Claims Capture of Sultan  
Tepe by Bulgars, With  
Capture of Prisoners and  
Cannon.

ROME, Oct. 20.—The Bulgarians have been thrown out of Vrania and the Salonika-Nish road is working uninterruptedly, according to a dispatch today from Athens.

BERLIN (via London), Oct. 20. Bulgarians have captured Sultan Tepe, Serbia, southwest of Egri Palonka, an official bulletin announced today.

It was said 2,000 Serbian prisoners and two cannon were taken. The Austrians were reported advancing on Shabat.

Serbian defeats were announced south of Lucia and Bozevac.

## ON KRIVA RIVER

Egri Palonka is a Serbian town on the Kriva river, thirty-five miles southeast of Vrania, which the Bulgars wrested from the Serbs, and from which late reports said the Bulgars themselves were subsequently expelled. Shabat is in extreme northwestern Serbia, and is the point at which the Serbians, in an earlier report, claimed a victory over the Austrians.

Lucia is in Serbia, ten miles south of Bozevac and thirty miles south of the Danube. Bozevac is eighteen miles to the eastward.

## Austrians Evacuate Czernowicz as Russ Sweep Over Stypa

LONDON, Oct. 20.—Owing to the Russian success in breaking the Austrian line on the Stypa river, the Austrians have been forced to evacuate Czernowicz, it was said in a Bucharest dispatch today.

Czernowicz is capital of the Austrian crown land of Bukovina, southeast of Galicia. It is an important town, 145 miles southeast of Lemberg.

## Attack on Shabat By Austro-Germans Repulsed by Serbs

GENEVA, Switzerland, Oct. 20.—The Serbs have repulsed the Austro-Germans heavily north of Shabat, a Bucharest message said today.

Serb forces are said also to have assumed a vigorous, successful offensive about Passarowitz. The Bulgarians are described as badly beaten at Orskoff.

It is said that the invaders are retreating in disorder from Shabat. Fighting, it was stated, still raged about Passarowitz.

Shabat is a northwestern Serbian town on the Save river, forty miles west of Belgrade. Passarowitz was taken by the Austro-Germans several days ago. It is thirty miles southeast of Belgrade, twelve miles in the same direction from Semendria, ten miles south of the Danube, and highly important as controlling the lower valley of the Morava.

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## Germans Advance Near Mitau, Says Berlin Official Statement

BERLIN (via Sayville wireless), Oct. 20.—"The Germans have advanced against the Russians northeast and northwest of Mitau," announced an official report this afternoon.

"Further south, General von Linington is still fighting along the Sty. In the west we shot down an English aeroplane near Muldekerke and captured its crew."

"Russian attacks northwest of Deregino and north of Rafalevka have been repulsed."